

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-4, 15 and 19-21 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by Tanaka (U.S. Patent No. 6,594,727).

Claim 19 presently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by Caulkins (U.S. Patent No. 6,181,630).

Claims 5, 6, 16, 17 and 22 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tanaka in view of Lin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,614,768).

Claim 20 presently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Caulkins in view of Ohran et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,871,271).

Allowable Claims

Claims 7-14 and 18 are allowed.

Without acquiescence in the grounds of the rejection, or prejudice to pursue the original claimed subject matter at a later time by continuation application or otherwise, Applicants herein have made no further amendments to the application nor remarks regarding rejected claims at this time. Applicant gratefully accepts the allowed claims.

Request for Allowance

The Examiner is kindly requested to enter the allowed claims. The undersigned has made a good faith effort to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any unresolved issue remains, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss those issues so that the Notice of Allowance can be mailed at the earliest possible date.

It is believed that the allowed claims and subject matter of the instant application is in condition for final allowance, and, accordingly, issuance of a notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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